

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 470
By Wood

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mrs. Connie Smithson
for her outstanding contributions to education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay
tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unreservedly of themselves to enhance the
development of education throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Connie Smithson is one such exceptional person, whose
achievements in education should not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, a teacher at Hixson High School in Hamilton County, Mrs. Smithson
received the 1997 Tennessee Vocational Education Teacher of the Year Award at the American
Vocational Association Convention; and

WHEREAS, she received the award in part for writing the curriculum for service-learning,
which became a model program for the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the program Mrs. Smithson created connects individual and family issues
with actual community experiences, including homelessness and poverty, teen-age pregnancy
and sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, the goal of her curriculum and programs is to prepare the students for post-
secondary school and subsequently, the workforce; and

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WHEREAS, she has created and revised other programs, including a leadership development course for Hixson High School, the family dynamics curriculum and courses in interpersonal communication for the state of Tennessee; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and commend Mrs. Connie C. Smithson for her meritorious service to education, salute her expertise and dedication to Hixson High School, and the young people of Hamilton County wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.